

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
MEDICAL CANNABIS TASK  
FORCE MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015  
241 CEDAR AVENUE  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
SOCIAL HALL, 6:00 PM**

Charlyn Bender, Chair, District 8  
Marc Greenberg, Vice Chair, District 5  
Larry Bott, Member, District 1  
Tony Rivera, Member, District 1  
Adam Hijazi, Member, District 2  
Jack Smith, Member, District 2  
Sarah Sangmeister, Member, District 3  
Denise Mester, Member, District 3  
Joe Sopo, Member, District 4



Jan Ward, Member, District 4  
Floyd Curry, Member, District 5  
Nick Morrow, Member, District 6  
Greg Lefian, Member, District 6  
Larry King, Member, District 7  
Aaron Herzberg, Member, District 7  
Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, Member, District 8  
Kasia McDermott, Member, District 9  
Aaron Blackburn, Member, District 9

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**FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (6:13 PM)**

At 6:13 PM, Mary McCormick, Facilitator, called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (6:17 PM)**

**Members Present:** Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Thrash-Ntuk, Greenberg and Bender

**Members Absent:** Bott, Rivera, Herzberg, McDermott and Blackburn

Also present: Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney; Mary McCormick, Facilitator; David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, Long Beach Police Department; Michael DuRee, Fire Chief, Long Beach Fire Department; Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist; Matt Ceballos, City Clerk Specialist.

**REGULAR AGENDA (6:20 PM)**

1. [15-0499](#) Recommendation to have a discussion regarding public safety: security guards, surveillance video, law enforcement, quick closure, and appropriate buffers.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge, spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Bender and James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Smith and James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Smith and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Task Force Member Curry spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Sopo and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Morrow and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Michael DuRee, Fire Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Michael DuRee, Fire Chief, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael DuRee, Fire Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Michael DuRee, Fire Chief.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Michael DuRee, Fire Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Morrow and Michael DuRee, Fire Chief.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Greg Underwood spoke.

Madeline Johnson spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister joined the meeting.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Stefan Borst-Constello spoke.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge, spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Michael DuRee, Fire Chief, spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Michael DuRee, Fire Chief, spoke.

Tonia Reyes Uranga spoke.

David Zinc spoke.

James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Hijazi, to receive and file presentations. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Thrash-Ntuk, Greenberg and Bender

**Absent:** 5 - Bott, Rivera, Herzberg, McDermott and Blackburn

**SECOND ROLL CALL (7:45 PM)**

**Members Present:** Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk, Greenberg and Bender

**Members Absent:** Bott, Rivera, McDermott and Blackburn

[15-0499](#)

Recommendation to have a discussion regarding public safety: security guards, surveillance video, law enforcement, quick closure, and appropriate buffers.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Smith and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg joined the meeting.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Hijazi and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Herzberg and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Hijazi and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Greg Underwood spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Greenberg, to add tentative recommendations to the ongoing list. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Thrash-Ntuk, Greenberg and Bender

**No:** 1 - Herzberg

**Absent:** 4 - Bott, Rivera, McDermott and Blackburn

## **NEW BUSINESS (8:24 PM)**

2. [15-0500](#) Recommendation to receive and file a discussion regarding future Task Force meeting dates and topics.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk and Mary McCormick, Facilitator.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Hijazi, to add two (2) additional meetings, July 1 and July 15, 2015, to the schedule . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, King, Greenberg and Bender

**No:** 3 - Lefian, Herzberg and Thrash-Ntuk

**Absent:** 4 - Bott, Rivera, McDermott and Blackburn

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Tonia Reyes Uranga spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Chair Bender left the meeting.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Tonia Reyes Uranga spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Herzberg, seconded by Member Thrash-Ntuk, to add to the schedule three (3) additional meetings, July 1, July 15, and as a 6-hour meeting, July 29, 2015. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Sopo, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg and Thrash-Ntuk

**No:** 7 - Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Ward, Curry and Greenberg

**Absent:** 5 - Bott, Rivera, McDermott, Blackburn and Bender

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Hijazi and Mary McCormick, Facilitator.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Herzberg and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Hijazi, seconded by Member Smith, to include the recommendations from April 29, May 13, and May 27, 2015 meetings, for discussion at the July 1, 2015 meeting; to include the remaining recommendations from May 27, June 3, and June 17, 2015 meetings, for discussion at the July 15, 2015 meeting; and that no further recommendations be permitted after the end of the June 17, 2015 meeting. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Hijazi and Smith

**No:** 11 - Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk and Greenberg

**Absent:** 5 - Bott, Rivera, McDermott, Blackburn and Bender

3. [15-0501](#)

Recommendation to discuss proposed speakers, if any, to invite to a future meeting of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Sangmeister and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Tonia Reyes Uranga spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Sangmeister, seconded by Member Ward, that Laura Doud, City Auditor, or designee, and Director of Financial Management, or designee, be invited to the next meeting to discuss collections, audits, projections, methods, etc. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk and Greenberg

**Absent:** 5 - Bott, Rivera, McDermott, Blackburn and Bender

Task Force Member King spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Greenberg, seconded by Member Ward, to re-invite Los Angeles Sheriff Jim McDonnell and Long Beach Chief of Police Robert Luna to the next meeting. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry and Greenberg

**No:** 7 - Hijazi, Smith, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg and Thrash-Ntuk

**Absent:** 5 - Bott, Rivera, McDermott, Blackburn and Bender

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Sangmeister, seconded by Member Smith, to invite a specialist to the June 17, 2015 meeting to discuss cashless transactions. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk and Greenberg

**Absent:** 5 - Bott, Rivera, McDermott, Blackburn and Bender

Task Force Member King spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member King and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

**A motion was made by Member King, seconded by Member Morrow, to add as an agenda item to the June 17, 2015 meeting, an ordinance submitted by Task Force Member King to be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk and Greenberg

**Absent:** 5 - Bott, Rivera, McDermott, Blackburn and Bender

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Greenberg, seconded by Member Mester, to add as an agenda item to the June 17, 2015 meeting, two (2) handouts, League of California Cities - Overview of Recent Development Affecting Medical Marijuana and Congressional Research Service - Marijuana: Medical and Retail - Selected Legal Issues, submitted by Task Force Member Greenberg to be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, Herzberg and Greenberg

**Absent:** 7 - Bott, Rivera, King, Thrash-Ntuk, McDermott, Blackburn and Bender

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (9:32 PM)**

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

#### **ADJOURNMENT (9:33 PM)**

At 9:33 PM, there being no objection, Vice Chair Greenberg moved, seconded by Task Force Member Ward, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried by unanimous vote.

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